

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Conditional~~ A conditional access system for controlling the access of receivers of end-users to data transmitted from a data content source **comprising:** ~~in~~

an uplink system, said uplink system ~~comprising~~ **including** a scrambler for scrambling the content supplied from the content source, an entitlement control message generator for generating entitlement control messages containing a control word and an entitlement identification, and a transmitter for transmitting the scrambled content and the entitlement control messages; ~~in which access system~~ **and**

**a receiver including** a descrambler, an entitlement control message decoder and means for storing entitlements ~~are associated to the receiver, and in which access system~~ **wherein** if a match **exists** between the entitlement identification in the entitlement control message and the entitlement of the ~~an~~ end-user **receiver** ~~exists~~, the entitlement control message decoder supplies a control word to the descrambler for descrambling a part of the received scrambled content for which the receiver is entitled, ~~characterized in that~~ **wherein** the receiver ~~side is provided with means for receiving and storing~~ **stores** a meta-entitlement of the end-user, said meta-entitlement including an event number range, and means for extracting from the meta-entitlement and actual entitlement identification including the event selected by the end-user, after which a control word from the entitlement control message is supplied to the descrambler if the entitlement identification in the entitlement control message matches the actual entitlement.

2. (Currently Amended) The Conditional~~conditional~~ access system according to claim 1, in which the uplink system comprises a generator and a transmitter for generating and transmitting an entitlement management message, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the meta-entitlement is transmitted in an entitlement management message to the entitled receiver.

3. (Currently Amended) The Conditional~~conditional~~ access system according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the actual entitlement is extracted from both the meta-entitlement and the entitlement control message.

4. (Currently Amended) The Conditional~~conditional~~ access system according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the meta-entitlement includes a data range.

5. (Currently Amended) The Conditional~~conditional~~ access system according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the meta-entitlement includes a number of allowed selections.

6. (Currently Amended) The Conditional~~conditional~~ access system according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at the receiver side a selection counter is provided, which is set to the number of allowed selections in the meta-entitlement in the entitlement management message upon reception of said message and is decremented by each event selection by the end-user.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An Uplink-uplink system suitable for use with a~~  
conditional access system ~~according to claim 1,~~ the uplink system comprising a  
scrambler for scrambling the content supplied from the content source, an entitlement  
control message generator for generating entitlement control messages containing a  
control word and an entitlement identification, and a transmitter for transmitting the  
scrambled content and the entitlement control messages, wherein an event number  
generator is connected to the entitlement control message generator.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A Receiver-receiver suitable for use with a~~  
conditional access system ~~according to claim 1,~~ the receiver comprising a descrambler,  
an entitlement control message decoder and means for storing entitlements, wherein  
means for receiving and storing a meta-entitlement of ~~an~~ the end-user, said meta-  
entitlement including an event number range, and further means for extracting from the  
meta-entitlement and actual entitlement identification including the event selected by the  
end-user, after which a control word from the entitlement control message is supplied to  
the descrambler if the entitlement identification in the entitlement control message  
matches the actual entitlement.